

## The Team

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**Please note** that Paula works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Esther's days off are Monday and Saturday. Lis and Ian are usually both off Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon at the moment. The Church Office is currently closed. Please contact us by phone or email wherever possible.

**THE CHURCH BUILDING IS NOW OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER  
Mon & Wed 10am-12noon Tues & Thurs 2-4pm Sunday 6-8pm**

Lis and Ian will be praying for the world, our community and church family in the church building 9.00-9.30am when they are in the parish. Please join us in praying at this time if you can.

## This week's prayer pointers

**Christians in the Community:** Boston Borough Council; Fire/Ambulance/Police services; Centrepoin; Prison ministry; RoadHoG.

**Mission Focus:** Tearfund

**Our Church Prayer:** Heavenly Father, help us to be a family of Your people who: Are centred on Jesus, reflecting His love, grace and truth in our characters, relationships and witness; Love Your Word (the Bible), recognise its authority and follow its guidance in our lives; Seek Your Holy Spirit's presence, wisdom, fruit and gifts, and welcome Him to move in power; Work out our faith in mission and outreach. For the praise of Your glory. **Amen.**

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Boston

*'Loving Jesus  
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**Sunday 5th July 2020**

**'Worship Together'  
Recorded service available on the  
Holy Trinity website, YouTube and Facebook.**

**Join us at 10.30am on Sunday or when you can.**



## Parables from the window: The Sower

**Thought for the day: Ian Ward**

When I sit in the prayer corner, I am drawn to the deep colours of the stained glass. Each picture is taken from the parables, stories that Jesus told. The richness of each story is as deep as the colours when they are lit by the sunlight. So, let the Son light up our lives with his rich and challenging stories over the next few weeks. Today, the parable of the Sower, Seed and Soil. God is the sower who casts his Word far and wide for all. The seed is God's word, the word of life. According to John's Gospel Jesus is the "Word of God" who lived among us. We are the soil and as soil we are made to have stuff growing in us. What do we let grow in our lives? God's word, Jesus or the garbage of this world? What parts of our lives are rocky and barren to Jesus, what are the things that crowd in and steal the hope of God's word from us? Unless we answer those questions, we will struggle to produce a harvest for God.

**This week's prayers:** Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Jesus the sower whatever I am today, whatever the mix of path, rock, thorns or soil help me to become good ground for you, for your word and for your presence. Amen.

### Song 1

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!**

To His feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like Thee His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!  
*Henry Francis Lyte*

### Song 2

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning**

**to You,** we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are  
yearning for You, we long for You  
'Cause when we see You,  
we find strength to face the day.  
In Your presence all our fears  
are washed away, washed away.

*Hosanna, hosanna  
You are the God who saves us,  
worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Come have Your way among us.  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus.*

Hear the sound of hearts returning  
to you, we turn to You.  
In Your kingdom broken lives are  
made new, You make us new,  
'Cause when we see You,  
we find strength to face the day,  
In Your presence all our fears  
are washed away, washed away.

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### Reading of the week: Matthew 13:1-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced

a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear." <sup>10</sup>The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" <sup>11</sup>He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>13</sup>This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. <sup>14</sup>In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. <sup>15</sup>For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."<sup>16</sup>But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. <sup>17</sup>For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. <sup>18</sup>"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup>The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

### Song 3

**He's coming on the clouds**

Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

*Our God is the Lion, The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb,  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the  
Lion and the Lamb, Oh every knee will  
bow before the Lion and the Lamb*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty



Who can stop the Lord almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (almighty)

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